

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Tenth Bristol Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.*

### **Residents of Tenth Bristol Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (617) of these admissions reside in the Tenth Bristol Representative District. 2% (12) of admissions from the Tenth Bristol Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to substance abuse treatment services from the Tenth Bristol Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 74% were male and 26% were female.
- 64% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 88% were white non-Latino, 3% were black non-Latino, 6% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 61% were never married, 14% were married, and 25% reported not to be married now.
- 23% had less than high school education, 55% completed high school, and 22% had more than high school education.
- 36% were employed.
- 7% were homeless.
- 32% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Tenth Bristol Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	50%	37%	5%	3%	0%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3 %

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002</b>							
<b>Tenth Bristol Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	382	329	121	119	50	97	60
<b>FY '96</b>	363	323	128	102	28	61	46
<b>FY '97</b>	445	376	129	118	38	93	71
<b>FY '98</b>	508	418	134	125	31	167	134
<b>FY '99</b>	556	461	165	134	27	166	122
<b>FY '00</b>	527	419	175	162	59	189	134
<b>FY '01</b>	557	427	168	143	57	195	139
<b>FY '02</b>	617	443	167	168	44	265	171

### **Heroin and Injection Drug Use**

Figure 1 below shows the proportional increases in all admissions in the Tenth Bristol Representative District and the proportional increase in admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use, a factor driving increases in HIV.

